NOBLE & GREENOUGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE MASSACHUSETTS GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (March 13, 2025) — In its 40th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Christina Pham** of **Noble & Greenough School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Massachusetts Girls Basketball Player of the Year**. Pham is the fifth Gatorade Massachusetts Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Noble & Greenough School.

Gatorade Player of the Year is the top honor in high school sports, celebrating the nation's best high school athletes for their success on the court, in the classroom and in the community. The award distinguishes Pham as Massachusetts' best high school girls basketball player, and she joins an impressive group of alumni that spans CEOs, coaches and star athletes such as Candace Parker (2002-03 & 2003-04, Naperville Central High School, Illinois), Paige Bueckers (2019-20, Hopkins High School, Minnesota) and Joyce Edwards (2023-24, Camden High School, South Carolina).

The 5-foot-6 senior guard led the Bulldogs (29-2) to the New England Preparatory School Athletic Council Class 3A title game this past season. Pham averaged 18.6 points. 5.4 assists, 5 rebounds and 3 steals and shot 45 percent from beyond the arc. A four-time All-New England selection, she was named 2024-25 MVP of New England's Independent School League. Prep Girls Hoops ranks her as New England's No. 3 prospect in the Class of 2025.

Pham has volunteered locally through her AAU program, Shooting Touch, coaching youth basketball players in Boston. She has also donated her time as part of a service-mission to Rwanda. "Pham hit three big dagger 3-pointers against us," said Dan Sullivan, Worcester Academy head coach. "She never lets up, she competes all game long. She's the straw the stirs the drink for Nobles."

Pham has maintained an A-minus average in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play basketball at Fairfield University this fall.

The Gatorade Player of the Year program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states across 12 different high school sports – football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, baseball, softball, and boys and girls track & field – and awards one National Player of the Year in each sport. The selection process is administered by the Gatorade Player of the Year Selection Committee, which leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the state winners in each sport.

Pham joins recent Gatorade Massachusetts Girls Basketball Players of the Year Orlagh Gormley (2023-24, Dexter Southfield School), Grace Oliver (2022-23, Noble & Greenough School), Taina Mair (2021-22, Brooks School) and Caroline Ducharme (2020-21, Noble & Greenough School), among the state's list of former award winners.

As part of Gatorade's commitment to breaking down barriers in sport, every Player of the Year also receives a grant to donate to a social impact partner. To date, the Gatorade Player of the Year program has provided more than \$5.6 million in grants to winners across more than 2,000 organizations.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit <u>playeroftheyear.gatorade.com</u> or follow us on social media on Instagram at <u>instagram.com/Gatorade</u>. Facebook at <u>facebook.com/GatoradePOY</u> and X(Twitter) at <u>x.com/Gatorade</u>.